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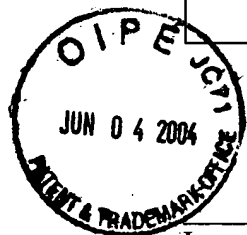
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For: METHOD AND KIT FOR A NUCLEAR RUN-  
ON ASSAY (AS AMENDED)

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2004, Paper No. 02182004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. The deadline to respond to this action was May 25, 2004, for which a one-month extension of time is requested to extend the time for response to June 25, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.